



# CHRIST OVERFLOWING

## How to Become Who God Designed You to Be

*Colossians 1:9-14*

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1. Read Colossians 1:3-6. What words, phrases, or ideas are repeated in verses 9-11? What is Paul specifically praying for that we read about at the last half of verse 9? According to Colossians 3:10, how is our knowledge of God renewed?
2. When someone receives the Lord Jesus Christ, that person has an encounter with him. Christian life and growth includes not only experiences but also what one knows. According to verse 10, what is the purpose of growing in the knowledge of God's will? In what ways does our doctrine affect how we live our lives?
3. Identify the three words in verse 11 that describe the power we have to live for God. Who gives us that power? If someone who has experienced salvation in Christ were to seek spiritual strength through some other source, what would that say about their faith in Christ? What is the danger of seeking spiritual power apart from Christ? Where do you see Christians turn for strength instead of Christ?
4. Read Deuteronomy 24:18. When God redeemed Israel, what does this verse indicate happened to Israel. In Colossians 1:14, Paul identifies redemption as giving us what benefit? Which of the following is the basis for our forgiveness: the death of Christ; other sacrifices we make, or acts of piety we perform? Why is this important?

### **Colossians 1:9-14**

*9 For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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